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- c. The poor and hired peasants are among the largest sellers because they are still lazy and the cost of living is high. Most of the buyers are Communist cadre members who received the larger shares of land and prize money at land reform. Other buyers are middle peasants who have been unaffected by land reform.
- d. Buying and selling land is permitted, as it has not been forbidden by law. The amount of land a man can lawfully possess has not been fixed by the Communist authorities, but unless some control is placed on land transfer, excessive possession will soon be general once more. The authorities are considering, among other measures, the imposition of a high land tax.
1. [REDACTED] Comment. One of the aims of land reform is to stop "shearing the poor," but if a man has surplus land to lease, he commits this crime. Another aim is to break up excessive possession of land, but if sale of land is permitted, the land holding of certain people is sure to become excessive.

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